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Careful review and examination of the subject application are noted and appreciated.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103

The rejection of claims 1-3, 6-7, 9-16, 19 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kimura et al. '828 has been obviated by appropriate amendment and should be withdrawn.

The allowable matter of claim 4 has been incorporated into claim 1. The allowable matter of claim 17 has been incorporated into claim 14. Matter similar to the allowable matter of claim 17 has been incorporated into claim 13. The allowable matter of claim 21 has been incorporated into newly presented claim 22.

Accordingly, the present application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action by the Examiner is respectfully solicited.

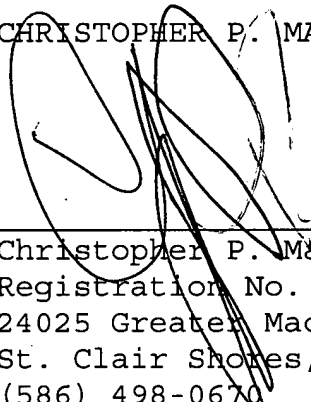
The Examiner is respectfully invited to call the Applicants' representative should it be deemed beneficial to further advance prosecution of the application.

If any additional fees are due, please charge our office

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Respectfully submitted,

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